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**TO: South Carolina Medicaid Providers**

**SUBJECT: Modification of Preventative Care Services For Covered Cancer Screenings**

Effective for service dates on or after August 1, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will:

- reimburse providers for a screening colonoscopy
- modify coverage guidelines for the flexible sigmoidoscopy to remove previous requirement of a positive result on the digital rectal exam or hemocult test
- discontinue coverage of the digital rectal exam Procedure Code (S0605)

These screening services are covered for recipients from age 50 through 64 if they are considered low-risk or age 40 through 64 if high-risk. A patient is considered low-risk if no risk factors are known and high-risk based on a personal history of polyps, ulcerative colitis, colorectal cancer and/or a family history of cancer. The colorectal cancer screening covered services and frequency limitations are listed below:

<u>Description</u>	<u>CPT Code</u>	<u>Frequency Limit</u>
Hemocult Test	82270	One per Year
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	45330	One per 5 Years
Screening Colonoscopy	45378	One per 10 Years

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Physician Services program representative at (803) 898-2660.

/s/

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